



Genetics and Newborn Hearing Screening

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The Department of Health manages these two statewide programs:

Genetics: Regional clinics provide genetic counseling, testing, and follow up services for Washington residents of all ages. Four of these clinics receive state funding through the agency, and UW and Seattle Children's received funding to help support regional clinics. We facilitate standards of care among all of the regional clinics. In addition, our staff provides technical assistance and education concerning genetics issues to policy makers, consumers, and health care providers.

Early Hearing-loss Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention (EHDDI): The agency makes sure all infants born in Washington receive hearing screening through surveillance and tracking. We also help infants with hearing loss get the diagnostic and intervention services they need.

Mission/Purpose: Improve the health of people who have or are at risk of genetic disease and hearing loss.

Target Population: Residents of Washington State

Services

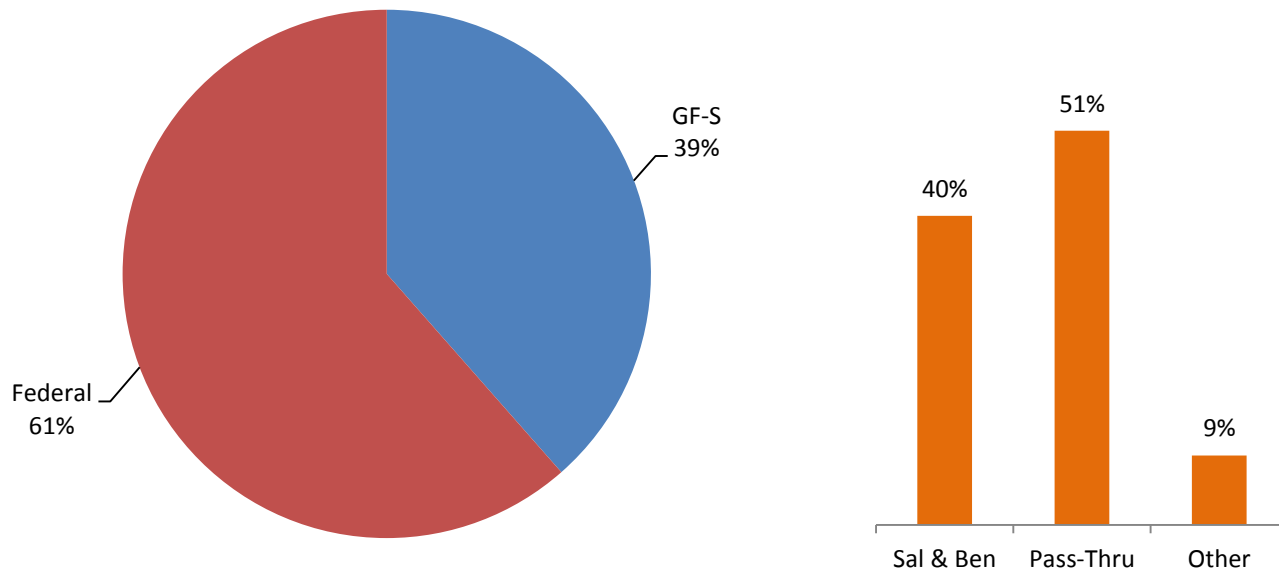
- Support and monitor statewide genetic services to over 11,00 families each year
- Prevent disease or detect and treat birth defects and genetic disorders early
- Make sure babies get screened for hearing loss and help infants with hearing loss get diagnostic and intervention services
- Provide information on disease risks and health services to help people make lifestyle, screening, and treatment choices
- Train providers about genetic health issues and newborn hearing screening
- Explain the importance of family health history and encourage people to collect this information and share it with a health care provider
- Support training for early intervention professionals who work with families of children with hearing loss

Stakeholders

- American Heart Association
- American Cancer Society
- March of Dimes
- Washington State Hospital Association
- Genetic Alliance
- Parent to Parent
- Family Voices
- The Father's Network
- Individuals with or at risk of genetic disorders and their families
- Hospitals and healthcare providers

2013-15 Biennium

Genetics and Newborn Hearing Screening Fiscal Information



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	836,721	1,336,047	0	0	2,172,768	878,839	1,106,352	187,577

Recent Funding History

2007-09 biennium:

- Federal funding (Maternal Child Health Block Grant) was reduced by \$337,000 each year.
- The Newborn Hearing Screening program received an additional ongoing funding of \$325,000 in FY09.

2009-11 biennium:

- State funds for the Genetics program were reduced by \$340,000. Of that amount, \$300,000 was restored.